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September 26, 1936.

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Mrs. Ethel Abell,  
1508 West Ohio Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1936, I must advise you that the matters of which you complain do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. For this reason I will be unable to authorize any investigation in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Indianapolis

Mr. Mohan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Dawson	.....
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI, 205 7th St.

As I have been troubled  
more with those right  
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SEP 29, 1936

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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I thought I would write

to you more to see if

I could get a ~~copy~~ <sup>copy</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~information~~ <sup>information</sup> ~~filed~~ <sup>filed</sup>

I was getting in the

front room a reading

any evening paper when

I heard some one call

my name I got up and

went to the front and

there was <sup>ENOL</sup> Ella Williams

she <sup>ENOL</sup> told me that I was

with 4-26-36 10 P.M.

Telling you a ~~bad~~ in  
my other letter that I  
wrote to you, and behind  
her was her Husband  
Charlie Williams They  
both come Rushing up  
at me in a threatening  
way, I saw I had to do some  
-thing, I did not have  
any weapon on me so I  
just reared back like a  
soldier and defied them  
I told them I was not  
afraid of both of them  
and they said that they  
was not by their self  
they said there was a  
whole gang of their class  
with them right

around the corner in the  
alley. Charlie Williams then  
asks me if I was running  
all over the neighborhood  
telling every body that  
he had a big knife open  
and was after his family  
trying to kill them. I  
told him no, I only  
ask the woman what  
was that is Edna Williams  
his sister in law if the  
little girls was over to her  
house, they had come to  
my house and cried and  
said that they was afraid  
that Charlie Williams  
was going to kill all  
of them, and they

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williams that is one of the  
girls name, the girl that  
they took to raise said that  
Charlie williams had a  
big knife and she was so  
afraid that she would  
kill all of them, they  
said they was on their  
way to church to tell the  
preacher, they were both  
crying when they were  
talking to me they said  
they was afraid she would  
kill them all,

as I told you in my  
other letter I believe  
there are people taunting  
against me and I think  
they send people here

To say things and then  
go away and say that I  
said the things that they  
said them selves,  
They have got people in  
other states that are pading  
against me, I believe those  
gangsters are working all  
over the world, for a good  
many years they would  
send strangers around  
here to pester me, but now  
I am finding out who  
a good many of them are,  
the names of some of  
them are, Harry Abell  
his wife Mrs. Mrs. Brewer  
Abell and other names  
of his that I do not no

Their names, Ella Williams  
Charlie Williams at 1439  
Aster St. O'Hers, at Effie  
Beep Spiritualist Church  
at I think the number is  
1426 Aster St, "white spiritualist  
Church", Holy Angels spiritual-  
ist Church, and Joseph  
Williams 1506 W. Ohio St.  
All 4 Mary Donovan &  
Family that lives in the  
next block west of me on  
west Ohio St and whites  
that has this second hand  
store at 1505 W. Ohio St.  
and the Birnes Family  
that lives at 209 Stoyne  
St. Leon McElroy & his  
wife Bulah Dorsen McElroy

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Gerald Lesley & Family  
Mr. & Mrs Brown 1400 Block  
W. Ohio St Ida Suite 1400  
Block W. Ohio St, a family  
by the name of Cook's  
Another name Washburn  
Another name Zike  
Eloude Mass & Family  
They all live in 1400 Blk  
W. Ohio St, and a good  
many more but no use  
to try to name all of them  
The children of this  
neighborhood some of them  
of some of the family's  
that I have named it  
would be a good idea  
to have some one to the  
school some time

0. . . . .  
And examine all those  
girls from six years old  
to sixteen and see how  
many was wronged. And  
get them to tell who  
wronged them and  
how many different ones  
wronged them and in  
whose house it took place  
in, and put the lie proof  
on them to see if they  
were lying or telling the  
truth for children around  
here sure can lie the  
same as they can do other  
evil things, then I had  
done, if they would  
then examine all  
the boys at both ends

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And see how many of  
Them had been Harmed  
and make Them tell  
who did it and what  
They give Them to get  
Them to and where it  
Took place at there are a lot  
of things going on in  
This end of The City  
it is a shame that they  
are getting by with it  
it would be a good idea  
to ask The Reimer Girls  
at 309 Skoghe St. if their  
father ever made advances  
to word them; and Their  
Brother Bernard Reimer  
might be asked what  
he is doing climbing

in trucks with different  
men and sloping men on  
the street. The other day I saw  
Bernard Reiner slop a man  
on the street and I heard  
the man tell him that  
he was not putting out any  
thing. "This may kill him,"  
The little girl that  
Lorraine & Ella Williams  
Took to raise. They might  
ask her about her milk  
battle. She is about 10 years  
old and they still put her  
to bed with a milk bottle  
with a nipple on it. They  
might ask her who she  
sleeps with and if she  
ever makes a mistake.

in the night when she  
needed for her bottle, it  
don't make sense that they  
would put a 10 year old girl  
to bed with a nursing  
bottle, Mrs. Williams said  
that may would sleep her  
muthr drule as long as  
Charlie bought her present  
and give her money and  
when he quite then may  
would talk, may bid god  
a little tent in the back  
yard she told me once  
that she down a negro  
man go out the back  
yard, Mrs. Williams told  
me that Charlie had  
secret places made in

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The Basement under the  
House, they also have a dry  
well I seen them making  
it and they have got it  
covered up with a flower  
bed in the back yard,  
They might also ask Mary  
about her Rupture abilities  
Told a good many different  
tales about it, how she got  
Ruptured and why she  
had to wear a corset so  
long for they have even  
got it fitted so that they  
can use Electricity with  
out it running through  
the water this electrical  
she goes out every night  
and Charlie stays at

Home with the lights  
turned out, it might be  
a good idea to write some  
of them, when they are  
out shopping also," and this  
Joseph & Edna Williams  
that live next door to me  
at 1606 W. Ohio St, Joseph  
is a brother to Charlie  
Williams, they have three  
children they are not  
old enough to go to  
School yet, the 2 oldest ones  
are old enough to walk  
but still they put them  
to bed with their milk  
bottles and around 10 or  
12 o'clock I hear one of  
the children start to

Driving and Coughing  
And Joseph The Father  
will bring The Child to  
The window and tell him  
To spit it out. Spit it all out,  
I have heard The Mother  
trying to get one of The  
Children to smoke a cigarette  
They have also got electric  
wires fixed down through  
The roof and got an entrance  
to the attic from a little  
closet. They had a old  
woman live there said this  
a cousin to the set up  
in a chair in the yard  
every night all night  
for a bout 2 weeks a  
watching my house and

trying to get in with me  
she said I might as well  
have paid money to any body  
else, when they saw I would  
have nothing to do with  
him, they start their war  
against me, every few nights  
her sister, Stella Skinner  
and her husband comes  
there, Stella will be drunk  
and stagger around and  
defy the people in the neigh-  
borhood about something  
or other, Stellas other husband  
they say died mysteriously  
about a year ago and she  
married this man 1810  
she knew when she lived  
with her husband that he

Now lead, and my wife has said that Stella's first husband haunted Stella and her husband by pounding on the wall so bad that Stella was talking about suicide, there are several deaths that I think should be investigated besides the one that I just mentioned here are the names of some of the others, Laura Donoran she has a married name but I don't know what it is, she was a daughter to Al Donoran and step daughter to his wife

1. 10. 1910 - She had a quarrel  
with Laura and her son Claude  
Honoran went home with Laura  
I did not think they had time  
to get home until May Honoran  
yelled at me and told me that  
Laura had taken poison and  
asked me to go over there I did  
not know where she lived at  
so she had her daughter Jane  
to go with me to direct me to  
where she lived, when I got  
there Laura was unconscious  
in a short time the police  
came I had been trying to

In this case I do not know if it was good to give anyone who had taken Fairon I took her off her as I did so something fell out of the pocket, it was cigarette making a needle and a scrap of paper, the police ask me what they were and I gave them to the police, on the paper was scribbled Claude Anna. The name was not finished it looked like she had made a last effort to write her half brothers name and was not able to finish it,

The Woman is no use to live next  
Door to me where the Williams  
now live, and every time she  
got pregnant she would say that  
when it come she was going  
to kill it or take it to White  
River and through it in and  
drown it, there was one of her  
babys died when they lived  
there, she said that old man  
Kill her at that time lived  
in that shed in the rear of her  
house had a entrance made so  
as to pass through her shed  
to get to the other buildings

here. Not Harry C. Field owns  
with out being seen by outsiders  
that Jim Hill is now dead,  
but another man lives in the  
shed, I don't think Jim is gone  
Any better man from the way  
they real around. Drunks,  
There is also a shack across  
the street up the Alley where  
they hang around Drunks  
most of the time; another  
place that might be investigated  
is a Tillberry Girl that was  
supposed to commit suicide,  
and another one is Glasier

Roffinette. She is Ella Williams  
that I know her telling you about  
her daughter, Ella Williams  
Told me that she was with  
her daughter Flossie Roffinette  
the night before she died the  
next day, she said Flossie's  
Husband sicked Flossie in  
the side and that the neighbors  
heard Flossie crying and beg  
him to get a doctor for her  
and that he would not do so  
said she was sent to the Hos-  
pital late and died, after her  
Death she had left two

children & 2 Insurance policies  
she said to see her husband took  
one of the children and give  
her one, and also give her one  
half of the Insurance money  
you might find out also that  
her uncle Robert Pruitt was  
murdered, his age put at about  
20 years younger than when  
he was so as to get more  
Insurance money, he is now  
dead, I believe a gang of them  
go around to different Charities  
and in homes under fire

Preference of saying good and  
Dope People and get them to  
do and say most anything  
that they want them to,  
like I told you in the other  
letter Ella Williams bringing  
those strangers to my  
house in the year of 1921 and  
Doping me, forcing me to  
sign all of these papers  
that I do not now want to be  
signing, that was the year  
that they hoped that men

2nd Nooned To my House and  
got him To Kill him self  
There was one man who claimed  
To be a spirituast - he said he  
was going to Conect me and my  
Mother and one of my Brothers  
and one of my Sisters up with  
evil spirits so we would live  
in Tament as long as we  
lived and Then meet a  
Grego Heleth when we did  
die, and he made all kinds  
of vile Threats on us,

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I did not think so much about  
it. I thought they were just  
a lot of nuts, but that was a  
way back in 1921. Here it is  
now 1936, and I now know that  
it is a fact that there are a  
gang of Human Rats that  
are getting worse all the  
time. The longer they are let  
go the worse they get, crime  
is a pleasure to them. They  
thirst for blood, when they  
commit a murder they leave  
it and brag about it.

before my brother his name  
was Claude Foster. I met a  
strange man coming to my  
house and told me, he said  
well we have let him live  
and tortured him as long  
as we can now we are going  
to take him for a ride and  
it will be a one way ride.  
I ask him if he meant they  
would bring him back  
dead and he said no that  
they did not intend to  
bring him back at all

I heard the Police sent him  
to tell me, he said it would  
just be a one way ride, he  
said the Police said that  
they was going to take him  
to the Hospital and that they  
was going to kill him at  
the Hospital, I did not no  
who they were talking about  
for once a strange man come  
to my house and said he was  
Claude Foster and I told him  
he was not, be cause Claude

over was my Brother and  
I knew he was not Claude  
Foster, but he still claimed  
that was his name so I  
thought maybe there was  
more than one Claude Foster  
and maybe that was his  
name, so later on another  
man came to my house and  
started to talk about Claude  
Foster, and called him a  
gangster, and I told him  
that Claude Foster was not  
a gangster that he was

my Brother, They said They  
was Talking About The Gang  
By That Name, So when  
They Come and Called him  
A Gangster And Said They  
was going to Take him to  
The Hospital And Kill him  
I did not no that They was  
Talking about my Brother,  
in about a month after  
The man come and told me  
that They was going to  
Take him for a one way

wife and Bill King, I got  
a telegram from Louisville  
Ky, that told me my Brother  
Claude Foster was dead, I  
did not know when I got there  
if I would see my Brother  
or this strange man by the  
same name that they called  
a Parrotter, the man that  
came and told me that they  
was going to take him  
for a ride and kill him  
also said that they was  
going to plant a pot

lay it on him to make it look  
like he was a slope peddler,  
when I got to Louisville, Ky.  
I had to go to the Police Station  
to find out where my brother  
lived at, so I think to myself  
well I will just tell the Police  
all about this and let them  
investigate it, you see I had  
no idea that the Police would  
be involved in a killing,  
so I ask the Police about it  
and they said yes that was  
so they said they took Eddie

To the Hospital and waited in  
the next room until they  
killed him, they seemed to  
be much pleased about their  
part in the killing, they said  
they took him to millers  
Funeral place and he wasnt  
dead so they took him back to  
the Hospital and had him  
killed again, still I thought  
they must be talking about  
some one else besides my  
Brother, I ask the Police to  
take me to millers where

my Brother was at, when I got  
there Mrs. Miller confronted  
me with papers in her hand  
and demanded money from  
me for her part in the case,  
she said she would not let  
me see my Brother until I  
paid her, I had an awful time  
but finely got to see him.  
and then they would not let  
us see him at first, and we  
had an awful time to induce  
them to let us see him  
so we could bury him.

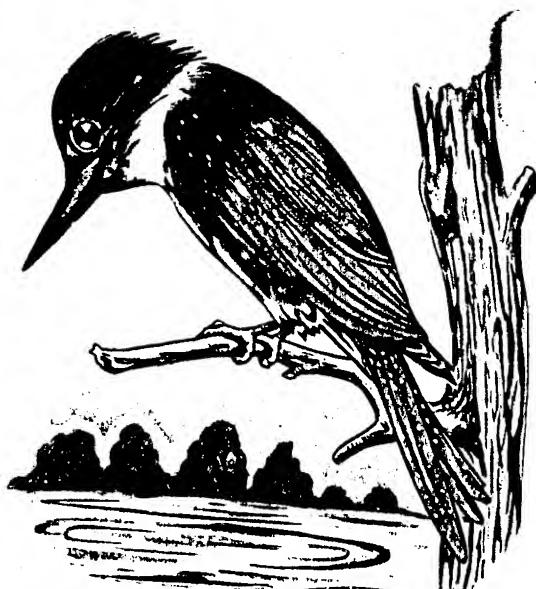
The Court place will be three  
years about the 14 or 15 of October  
I do wish that you will do  
every thing you can to investigate  
his death and I will help  
in any way I can if there  
is any thing that I can do  
to help, you see there must be  
some Police in that Gang  
later on when I mentioned  
my Brothers death to the  
Williams, Charlie Williams  
said, was that him, was  
that the right one, I ask  
him what he meant by that

Rev. Job, and 35).  
The Brother that lived in  
your House, I said yes; and he  
said, That's him all right,  
They got the right one all  
right, I tried to find out what  
he meant but had no success,  
so I do think and I believe  
you will think the same  
that it should be Investigated  
I have been Praying every  
service that it will be cleared  
up, and I will continue to  
Pray to that effect, and I

now, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> night of being  
that the Lord will hear and  
answer my prayer, I think you  
should find out in what way  
they do their killing, there  
was a man who said he was  
Henry Hutchins he told me  
that he killed a man while  
working at Kingsway Co. he  
said he threw a bat on his  
head and killed him and  
at the hospital they looked  
at spinal marrow, and the  
man called him self  
Harry Abel he said he killed

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My Brother, Claude by stop-  
ping him in the neck with  
a knife, another cool is a  
woman she confessed to me  
that she mixed varnish  
remover and wood alcohol  
to gether and poisoned her  
two husband at the same  
time, Charles Payne & Brune  
Hampshire was his name  
her name at that time was  
Adie Hampshire, but I  
think she is married again  
another husband also met  
a tragic death his name  
was Porter, yours truly  
Mrs. Ethel Tibell  
1608 W. Ohio St.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.



**THE FISHER**  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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A circular library stamp with the text "UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA" around the top and "BERKELEY" at the bottom. In the center, the number "23" is stamped.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 5, 1936.

Mr. James A. Cooper,  
1109 Summit Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your unlabeled postal card which was received at this Bureau on September 23, 1936, in which you request this Bureau to undertake an investigation as to the activities of the Black Legion.

I must advise you that the matter of which you complain does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for which reason it will be impossible for me to authorize any affirmative action in the premises.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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I strongly urge investigation  
by your department of Black Legion  
activities, since I believe it is too  
big for one state to handle properly.

Respectfully yours,

James A. Cooper  
1109 Sunbeam Blvd  
Los Angeles

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61-7398-154

October 14, 1936.

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Mrs. August Teal,  
1021 West 17th Street,  
Muncie, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Please be informed that the letter which you directed to Mr. W. H. Drane Lester of this Bureau, dated October 1, 1936, has been brought to my attention for appropriate considerations.

I must advise you that the matters of which you complain do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, for which reason it will be impossible for me to authorize any investigation in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Indianapolis



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 5, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mrs. August Teal and  
Mrs. Magdalene Linnie Porter,  
Muncie, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Upon my arrival in Muncie, Indiana, on the afternoon of October 2, 1936 to fill a speaking engagement there, I found the enclosed letter awaiting me, which purports to be from one Mrs. August Teal, 1021 Seventeenth Street, Muncie, Indiana, and sets out alleged threats against and persecution of her friend, Mrs. Magdalene Linnie Porter.

These two women contacted me at the conclusion of my talk in Muncie upon the morning of October 3, 1936.

They stated substantially the same things contained in the enclosed letter, and I pointed out to them that the matters about which they complained did not constitute any Federal violation over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had jurisdiction.

Both of these women were very unkempt in appearance and are apparently religious fanatics suffering from a persecution complex.

You might desire to acknowledge receipt of this letter to Mrs. Teal as a matter of record, stating that the matters contained therein do not constitute a violation over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction.

Very truly yours, 61-7398-134

W. H. Drane Lester,  
Inspector,

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Enclosure

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Mr. & Mrs. G. L. L. were at 114 Union St. They are now in the north and a half block back to the checker board; 1143 1/2 day. The house she gave up is fine & land ready for 1021 W. 17th and they are going to offer Mrs. Teal, Minnie

Major W H Drane Lester *(to God is in Heaven the truth.)*

Dear sir :-

the truth

Dis

thing is getting to be a great  
bother to their husbands & homes & in fact  
to their loan companies. Whenever the wives a go  
to the police, several fighters having went that way. I  
unless death, several fighters having went that way. I  
and my friend and I are fighting it after years of  
long night after night from electrical wires to the  
thrust through tickety walls of the homes  
nearly electrocuted and when we "kick" are taken  
to keep people of authority from believing us. It  
years of fighting to obtain a lawyer being tricked  
themselves, not once. In 1913 Porter, his  
office is across the street from him. Another lawyer Thomas Miller a  
but a little older

the years of fighting to  
themselves, my  
Murphy whose office is across  
the street. They nearly drove him. Another lawyer, Thomas Miller  
my friend had no place to sit but a little slim  
by himself and hired watchman among good on the  
lot. The goods were thrown out of doors by others. The  
is main tool for business and are still there on lot due  
to bad weather. Mrs Porter staid there but could not be  
shotting by gathered group who had at least  
Brought her son for her son was no secret. Y  
12 Feeply liked Justice when he said  
Bennington made them close and all her ideas  
it. He even tried to get her brother to  
fled state, refusing. Leader of gun men is trying  
to shoot us. Get my husband away and attempt  
to do but scare us terribly by shooting open  
to gunmen lived by Loan Comp. which is trying to  
death. The worst man faced us with gun  
determined stand deadly  
race of the  
of us peace. 77

Dear O. B. and S. D.  
I just wrote a short note to you after  
I thought I ought to do it. I had no  
other place for her life to this  
friend in that and each friend  
will tell her rightly as in  
danger of having her home in a  
house if she is not killed now.  
Inspired with Mrs. Porter. Mrs.  
Porter and I are very religious  
and spend a good part of our  
time in fervent prayer.

This year, this month and day  
I intended openly to my husband  
that they would tear out house  
from over her head to get and  
kill Mrs. Porter and to kill us  
if we kept interfering and I  
saw them even offer money to  
my husband to betray her. But

he evaded them. He has no  
use them outright nor antagonize  
them they are so revengeful and  
have beaten several men to the  
point of death or insanity.

Members of their gang. Last  
night they kicked my screen  
door in. They open places about  
my home windows, walls etc as  
fast as I mend them. My  
husband is exposed to them daily  
and once after being in a doped  
and was kept in a hospital  
several days while the gang  
terrorized Mrs Porter & I. They  
are fast ruining my name now  
by nefarious talk and doings  
but Mrs Porter and I hold fast  
to Gods promise to rid this town  
of this terrible gang of people



JAS:MK October 8, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. LEHRER  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

It is noted that many threatening communications containing demands for money are generally being forwarded and signed "The Black Legion". Inquiries conducted relative to such communications have in no instance indicated that the communications received were actually forwarded by the organization known as "The Black Legion" or by members thereof.

In the past it has been my practice to inform you in each instance of this kind that inquiries conducted were being limited to those involving the threatening communication, and that no inquiries were being conducted relative to "The Black Legion".

You are advised that in the event further communications bearing similar signatures are received appropriate inquiries will be conducted to ascertain if there has been a violation of the Federal extortion statutes under which this Bureau conducts investigation but that no inquiries will be conducted relative to "The Black Legion".

Very truly yours,

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October 21, 1936.

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
American Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you in directing your letter to me dated October 8, 1936, with reference to the activities of the Black Legion, and with further reference to the illicit traffic in narcotics.

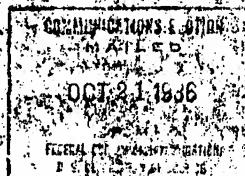
I regret to advise you that the matters referred to in your letter do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, for which reason it would be impossible for me to authorize any investigation in the premises.

In keeping with your request, however, you are advised that matters relating to illicit traffic in narcotics come within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. It is, therefore, suggested that you may desire to direct a letter to Honorable H. J. Anslinger, Commissioner, Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Butte



AMERICAN FALLS  
IDAHO

October 8, 1936.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is being written to inquire whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, concerns itself with activities of the Black Legion or the Illicit traffic in narcotics.

More than a year ago two organizers came to American Falls and formed a branch of the Black Legion. A dental surgeon, Dr. Hilding Beckstrom, a drug addict, was placed at the head of the local society.

Subsequently Dr. Beckstrom went to the apartment [REDACTED] and attempted to assassinate him. [REDACTED] grappled with Dr. Beckstrom, and by the time the intruder was able to draw a .38-calibre automatic pistol from his pocket the assistant manager of the hotel arrived and prevented him from firing. Later Dr. Beckstrom was fined \$25.00 for carrying a concealed weapon.

We have very good reason to believe that Beckstrom is interested in the sale of narcotics, with at least two more persons implicated. In the event that one of your investigators can be sent here we will furnish him with the names of men known to have joined the Black Legion; with the names of several drug addicts, and with evidence tending to show that drugs are being handled. We can furnish considerable information.

If your department does not investigate cases of this kind, will you please advise me as to the proper federal bureau with which to communicate?

Respectfully,

Click 10/21/36

cc: Butter

R. C. M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I am in receipt of your memorandum of September 29, 1936 and have noted that all communications of a threatening nature received in the Department in the future, will be transmitted to this Bureau without unnecessary handling.

I am returning herewith the letter received in the Department from Mr. K. P. Aldrich, Chief Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., dated September 16, 1936.

I am retaining the other enclosures forwarded with your memorandum.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 1020079



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE

September 29, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*EW*  
*Smith*

Transmitted herewith is a letter, dated September 16, 1936, from Chief Inspector K. P. Aldrich of the Post Office Department, inclosing three envelopes mailed at Detroit, Michigan and addressed to Mr. E. J. Jones, The City News Store, Charlottesville, Virginia; Mr. E. J. Eiberger, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. O. K. W. Howard, The Smoke Shop, Florence, South Carolina. Each of these envelopes contained an identical sheet, herewith attached, bearing a pictorial representation of a masked person posing in a manner now popularly construed to symbolize the "Black Legion".

While an examination of the envelopes and sheets in question fails to disclose a violation of any Federal law or laws, the same are being forwarded to you for consideration in connection with a recent telephone conversation had between Mr. Tamm of your Division, and Mr. Fish of this Division. This conversation concerned the possibility of routing all future threatening letters received in this Division from the Division of Records of the Department to your Division first for such finger printing purposes as may be deemed necessary before they are transmitted by you to this Division for consideration.

Mr. Tamm agreed to this procedure after it had been indicated to him that the suggestion which was made by Mr. Woll of this Division had received my approval, and that it was thought to be in line with the procedure suggested in your memorandum of August 28, last, to me concerning threatening letters received by Mr. William A. Koren, Niagara Falls, New York. As a result of this conversation, Mr. Mayhall of the Division of Records was instructed by Mr. Fish to transmit to your Division, without unnecessary handling, all future communications of a threatening nature received by the Department.

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A. J. G. S.

BRIEN McMAHON 61-7398-137  
Assistant Attorney General

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Office of The Chief Inspector

Washington

September 16, 1936.

The Honorable

The Attorney General,

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attention of the Criminal Division.

Transmitted herewith are three envelopes mailed at Detroit, Michigan, addressed to Mr. E. Jones, The City News Store, Charlottesville, Virginia; Mr. E. Eiberger, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. O. K. W. Howard, The Smoke Shop, Florence, South Carolina. Each of these envelopes, which were all mailed on the same date and apparently at the same point, contains an identical sheet bearing a pictorial representation of a masked person in a pose that is now popularly construed to symbolize the "Black Legion". The addressees of these communications have complained to this Department regarding their receipt through the mails, but none of them could furnish any information as to the identity of the maller.

The communications are not regarded as unmailable under the postal laws but with the thought that they may be of interest to your Department they are forwarded for such attention as may be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General,

/s/ K. P. Aldrich  
Chief Inspector.

Inclosures.  
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Mr. S. Einberger  
108 W. 17th  
Cheyenne Wyo.

Glenn Klein  
108 W. 17th  
P.M.







Mr. & Mrs.  
The City News Store  
116 W. Main St.  
Johnsberville, Va





Mr. G. K. W. Howard  
The Smoke Shop 694  
P. O. 19 newton 85  
Florence



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KAT:TMF

October 28, 1936

Mr. James N. Blissell,  
Editor,  
The Lima News,  
Lima, Ohio

Dear Mr. Blissell:

I have received your letter of October 21, 1936, referring to Virgil H. Effinger, alleged to be an officer of the Black Legion, and desire to advise you that this Bureau is not conducting any investigation at this time into the activities or organization of the Black Legion. For your information, the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted by law to the conducting of investigations of violations of specified Federal Statutes and the collecting of evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. In the absence of some indication of a violation of some Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction, the Bureau is without authority to conduct investigation in any situation and consequently has not conducted any investigation into the operations of the Black Legion and is not searching for Virgil H. Effinger.

May I suggest that the information in your possession pertaining to Virgil H. Effinger's whereabouts, be furnished to the state officers of Michigan for appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# THE LIMA NEWS

LIMA, OHIO

October 21, 1936.

Edgar J. Hoover, Esq.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Assuming the search for Virgil H. Effinger, Lima man reputed to be a commander of the Black Legion, is still an "active" FBI case, I am writing to inquire into two angles which you may or may not have probed and which may provide a clue as to his whereabouts.

My reporters understand payments have been continued to be paid on his automobile to The Colonial Finance Co., Lima, and that he is a recipient of a pension check monthly for service in the Spanish-American war. If this be true, especially the latter, and the checks have been cashed, a trail might be picked up through endorsements and charges of harboring brought. He should have received checks for September and October. I assume this information would be available to your office from the veterans' adminis-

Effinger is also reported to be a prodigie eater and we understand that the same large grocery orders are being delivered to his house as before his disappearance.

My writing you is because of the fact the city and county authorities seem to have reached a stalemate in whatever attempts they have made to locate Effinger.

I am enclosing one of the few known pictures of Effinger and which we were successful in obtaining in his "basement office" when the case first broke in Detroit.

Thanking you for anything you may be able to "crack" for us, and assuring you of our desire to work for the upholding of law and order, I am,

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& Sincerely,  
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James N. Blisick

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PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY  
TO KEEP  
AND BEAR  
ARMS

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November 14, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
.45 Calibre Colt Automatic  
Pistol, Model 1911, #251440 -  
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

Dear Sir:

The Washington Field Office has advised the Bureau that Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Service, Ordnance Office, War Department, has completed a circularizing the nine Army Corps Areas and the nine Ordnance Arsenals and Depots for information concerning the above described pistol, and as a result of this circularization he was unable to locate any record relative to the loss or theft of the above pistol.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 4244,  
Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
.45 calibre Colt Automatic ~~Pistol~~,  
Model 1911, #251440.  
THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Dear Sir:

Reference is again made to your letter dated August 27, 1936, (Bureau File No. 61-7398) and to my letter addressed to you dated September 2, 1936.

Mr. E. L. Kahlert, Field Service, Ordnance Office, War Department, has completed circularizing the nine Army Corps Areas and the nine Ordnance arsenals and Depots for information concerning the above described pistol, and has advised that as a result of same he was unable to locate any record referring to the loss or theft of that pistol.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Smith*  
J. M. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Letter  
Cleveland  
11/14/36  
J. M. Smith*

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OCT 29 1936

*ADM*  
ONE FILE

Toledo, Ohio.  
November 10, 1936.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICA-  
X KEEPS ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Government Detective;  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

According to many reports in this town, there is a very scandalous affair being carried on for the last two years at 2347 Robinwood Ave. There is a machine installed there on the third floor in which poisonous gases have been used. It is of the type that was used in the recent Italian-Ethiopian war. There are rumors that it has made many ill in the old west end.

There are a few cars with the same license numbers which have often been seen in front of this residence. For further information you might look up some Ohio numbers. Number 8364 C and 1444 C have been seen in front of this address many times. Also numbers 1566 A and 9540 B, have had passengers who were seen leaving the above address. It is considered something very secret.

Some say that it is a unit of the Black Legion, and many are of the opinion that it can kill a person instantly.

This case should command your immediate attention.

Very sincerely,

A local citizen.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Government Detective  
Washington  
D.C.

November 25, 1936.

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Mr. Robert E. Moore,  
Superintendent,  
Identification Bureau  
Sheriff's Office,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I wish to assure you of my appreciation of your  
letter of November 9, 1936, to which was attached data with  
reference to Thomas Cox and the abduction of Robert Paulson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC. - Detroit

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1105 Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California  
November 12, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BLACK LEGION

There are transmitted herewith copies of letters apparently written by one [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, which were sent to the Commanding General of the Presidio of San Francisco, and also to the Division of Secret Service in San Francisco, concerning the "Black Legion."

No active investigation in connection with this matter will be initiated, unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*W. L. Listerman*  
W. L. LISTERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington Field Division, Bu. of Pro.  
Washington, D.C.

November 25, 1936.

Mr. T. M. Milligan,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Post Office Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 24, 1936 in which you enclosed an anonymous threatening letter referred to your office by the Postmaster at Alexandria, Virginia.

I have carefully reviewed the contents of the letter and same fails to come within the purview of the Federal Statute dealing with extortion. Therefore, no action will be taken by this Bureau.

The enclosures transmitted with your letter of November 24, 1936 are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Post Office

Alexandria, Va.  
Nov. 23, 1936.

Inspector in Charge  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I am sending herewith a letter postmarked at Washington, D.C. Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m., 1936, addressed to Harry's Market, 20 A Hume Ave., Alexandria, Va., which appears to be a threat, for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Postmaster.

61-7398-144

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I  
  
We want you to get  
out and get out  
quick, if you do not  
we will blow your building  
up, or take you all  
for uncess little ride  
the black legion

envelope addressed to 201 Hume Ave.

Harrys, Market  
20A Hume Ave.

Alex.  
Va.

San Francisco, Calif.

November 1, 1936

Mr. Foster, Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Secret Service,  
San Francisco

Sir:

Thinking perhaps, the U.S. Government may be making an investigation of the Black Legion, a subversive set and a menace to our democratic form of Gov't., I submit the names for possible investigation:

(1) Mr. Ralph Croston, sometimes at Box 97, Castro Ave., Mt. View, Calif. (his aunt, Mrs. S. Thomas' place) and sometimes elsewhere in San Francisco, etc. (a former KKK member, etc.)

(2) Mr. Bill Hall, croony of #1, sometimes at Box 97, Castro Ave., Mt. View, Calif.

(3) Mrs. Myra Zimbrick (an aunt of #1 to whom Mrs. S. Thomas was heard to say: "Well, I think the KKK is all right if they make them work." (Poole was a WPA worker and union men as you doubtless know have been attacked by the Black Legion).

Hatred of Jews; Catholics (covertly) Negroes, etc., is strong amongst these elements --- also an unwarranted desire to reform united with corruption.

Yours for the preservation of American democracy and general decency,

(signed) [redacted]

61-7398-143

C O P Y

November 1, 1936

San Francisco, California

Gen. Simonds,  
Commanding 9th Corps Area  
Presidio of San Francisco

Sir:

It is understood the Black Legion is active in these parts and so, thinking the Army may wish to or actually be engaged in combating these potential if not already in fact traitors to our Government and cruel torturers of innocent U. S. Citizens, submit the following as suspects to be investigated.

(1) Mr. Ralph Croston (former KKK Member, last known to be at his aunt: Mrs. S. Thomas' place, Box. 97, Castro Ave., Mt. View, Calif.)

(2) Mr. Bill Hall, (chum, if not fellow member of Black Legion, of #1) Box 97, Castro Ave., Mt. View, Cal. (a native of the south)

(3) Mrs. Myra Zimbrick (aunt of #1) to whom Mrs. Thomas was heard to say recently: "Well, I think the KKK are all right if they make them work." (Chas. Poole, WPA worker was killed by Black Legion and union men have also been killed as you doubtless know.)

Yours for the preservation of American democracy and law.

(signed)

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General Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

November 27, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BLACK LEGION; NIGHT RIDERS;  
BULLET CLUB;  
MISCELLANEOUS - Confidential

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto two typewritten letters, one post-marked August 14, 1936, at 5:00 P.M., addressed to Mr. Albert Phillips, 418 Keith Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and reading:

"Mr. Albert Phillips we demand that you arranze at once to have Alba E. Kelley T.B. allownce restored to him at once. And restore it from March 1936. If you dont we are going to take you for a ride, and you may never return.

Signed Black Legion"

The other letter is postmarked August 14, 1936, at 5:00 P.M., addressed to Dr. Z.T. Wirtschafter, 418 Keith Building, Cleveland, Ohio, and reads:

"Dr. Wirtschafter we demand that you arranze at once to have Alba E. Kelley T.B. allownce restored to him at once. And have it restored to him from March first 1936. If you dont we are going to take you for a ride. And you may never return.

Signed Black Legion"

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory examine the attached letters and ascertain the make and style of typewriter used and such other information as will be of value in the investigation of this case. It is also requested that the letters be processed for finger-prints; in this connection it should be remembered that the attached letters were received by Mr. Phillips and Dr. Wirtschafter on August 15, 1936.

R. P. M. (RPM)

very truly yours,

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*J. P. MacARLAND*  
J. P. MacARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosures (2)

cc - Indianapolis  
Technical Lab.

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Date 12-5-36

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number: 63-1465

No latent fingerprints developed

Iodine prints developed on \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on \_\_\_\_\_

       Identiscope negatives attached heretc.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E. P. Coffey

By: E. P. Coffey  
Examiner.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 12926

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Laboratory Report

Case: Black Legion; Night Riders;  
Bullet Club;  
Miscellaneous-Confidential

Number: Cl-7398-145

Specimens: Cl-7398-145 Q1 One typewritten letter beginning "Mr. Albert Phillips\*\*  
" Q2 One envelope postmarked South Bend, Ind. 2 Aug 14, 193  
5 PM.  
" Q3 One typewritten letter beginning "Dr. Wirtschafter we\*\*  
" Q4 One envelope postmarked South Bend, Ind. 2 Aug 14,  
1936 5 PM addressed to Dr. Z. T. Wirtschafter.

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 12-3-36 (9:00 AM ft) ( 12-4-36 9:00 A.M. chp)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Lovett  
Potter

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cc-Indianapolis

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December 15, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

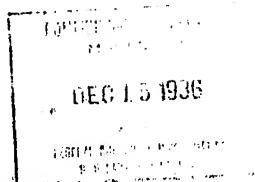
Re: Black Legion; Night Riders;  
Bullet Club; Miscellaneous -  
Confidential.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 112926, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 8, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Black Legion; Night Riders;  
Bullst Club;  
Miscellaneous - Confidential.

Dear Sir:

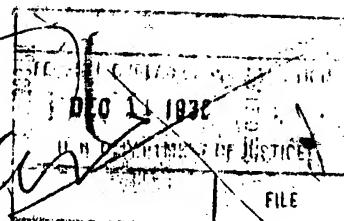
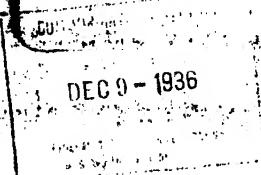
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau December 3, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1106457

cc-Indianapolis



RAL:MM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 12926

Laboratory Report  
December 6, 1936.Case: Black Legion; Night Riders;  
Bullet Club;  
Miscellaneous - Confidential.

Number: 61-7398-145

## Specimens:

- Q1. One typewritten letter beginning: "Mr. Albery Phillips---".  
Q2. One envelope postmarked, "South Bend, Indiana, 2, August 14, 1936,  
5 P. M.". *Ral*  
Q3. One typewritten letter beginning: "Dr. Wirtshafter we---".  
Q4. One envelope postmarked, "South Bend, Indiana, 2, August 14, 1936,  
5 P. M." addressed to "Dr. Z. T. Wirtshafter".

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 12-3-36

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Lovett

From a comparison of the typewriting on the instant envelopes and enclosures designated as specimens 145 Q1 through Q4, the conclusion has been reached that they were all typewritten on the same machine.

Due to certain similarities of the letters of the typewriting on the questioned specimens, the conclusion has been reached that the original letters were typewritten on a typewriter equipped with Underwood Pica style type spaced ten letters to the inch. It is probable that this style of type was placed on Underwood machines subsequent to 1927. Also, this style of type was placed on both the Underwood standard and portable typewriters.

The sheet designated as 145 Q1 has a white linen finish, measures approximately 5x5.8", and was evidently torn from a tablet or bound pad as indicated by red wax or binding material at the top of the sheet. Also, this sheet was torn from a larger sheet to the approximate dimensions as given above. The envelope designated as specimen Q2 is plain white, has a smooth finish, and measures approximately 5x3.2". This envelope has a bond texture. The sheet designated as specimen Q3 has a linen finish, measures approximately 5x8", has a wove texture, and was probably torn from a tablet as evidenced by the presence of red binding material along the top edge. The envelope designated as specimen Q4 is plain white, has a smooth finish, and measures approximately 5x3.2". None of the above specimens contains a watermark.

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December 8, 1936.

The original evidence was treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none was developed.

A photographic copy of the letters will be placed in the Laboratory's anonymous letter file for comparison purposes. In the event an identification is effected your office will be notified.

Photographic copies of the specimens submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

1-Bureau  
1-Cleveland  
1-Indianapolis  
1-Laboratory

December 18 1936

Mr. Hoover

quite some time ago, there was a piece in the paper; about a colored man, being burned in his home. This crime was committed by the B. P. The man, who was in charge was the man who was repeatedly named as the head of the B. P. in several states. He is middle age squat, with a pouch. He wore a old-fashioned crown Derby hat, dark suit, white shirt, white socks, bow tie, gloves

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still going on. Two  
men had killed him, and  
had cut off his head. This  
was the first time that  
such a thing had ever  
happened in the country.  
The house was built  
of red brick. The little  
front of red brick, was  
burnt and gutted out  
of wood, and putted in  
at the sides; one side  
of the entrance to the house  
and the other to the house  
one of the boys did some  
thing in the exterior of the  
house and burnt, and then  
they made a chain, and  
tip to sit over to the  
corner, where a second  
man had been killed.

This is only a few nights ago, so perhaps the poor man or family, has not even been found.

On both nights there was no moon!

FILE SECTION

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~~ACCUSED FOUNDER~~  
~~OF "LEGION" IS DEAD~~

Isaac (Peg Leg) White, Held  
as First Head of Detroit Cult,  
Is Victim of Pneumonia.

By the Associated Press.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 21.—Isaac (Peg Leg) White, arrested as the founder of the Black Legion of Michigan, died at a hospital yesterday of complications arising from lobar pneumonia.

White died without talking about his activities in the Black Legion, of which he was said to have been the first brigadier general.

White was one of twenty-two alleged members of the Black Legion indicted in Detroit several months ago on charges of criminal syndicalism.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawson .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
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FILE NO. 62-3

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BLACK LEGION;  
NIGHT RIDERS BULLET CLUB

CHARACTER OF CASE

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In accordance with instructions contained in letter of reference, further investigation to be carried on in case entitled, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Dr. Z. T. Wirtschafter; Albert Phillips, Victims, EXTORTION; Bureau file No. 9-2242. Therefore, this case is being considered.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 24, 1936,  
Bureau file No. 9-2242.

## DETAILS:

Pending investigative activity in this matter is, in accordance with suggestion contained in reference letter, to be carried on in case entitled, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Dr. Z. T. Wirtschafter; Albert Phillips - Victims, EXTORTION.

Therefore, this case is being considered

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January 12, 1937.

Mr. Paul E. Enstrom, Superintendent,  
Lincoln County Schools,  
Box 508,  
North Platte, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Enstrom:

In acknowledging your undated letter received here on January 4, 1937, I wish to advise you that this Bureau has no prepared pamphlets or other information with respect to the Black Legion.

Matters pertaining to the Black Legion do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, for which reason data of the type requested by you are not available.

I can only suggest that you might obtain the desired information from Mr. Fred W. Frahm, Superintendent of Police, Detroit, Michigan and Mr. Oscar G. Olander, Commissioner, Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan.

The self-addressed, stamped envelope forwarded with your communication is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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North Platte, Nebraska

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Dear Sirs:

Could you send immediately pamphlets and substantial information concerning the criminal disclosures of the workings of the "Black Legion" in the United States at large?

We would especially like to know the exposures of this organization in the state of Michigan.

If you could give us other references of other places where information could be procured we would appreciate it.

Yours Sincerely

*P. E. Estrom.*

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Mr. J. E. Hoover

Toledo Ohio  
Jan, 19, 1937

Chief U.S. Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:-

I am submitting this letter to you for you to think deeply before you go so far in your investigation of this Legion of Americans, or as the Peacock call it the "Black Legion", I am submitting with this letter to you, The Principles of this Legion of Americans as I understand it. I am also sending you the Bloody Oath of the Knights of Columbus, As printed from the Congressional Record, SIXTY SECOND CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, (VOL. 49, No. 50, P. P. 3261-22444, February 15, 1915.)

The above you will find printed on the Top of the Oath. I want you to compare the Oath you have of the LEGION OF AMERICANS or a mail it The Black Legion, with the K. of C. Oath, and think in your own Head which is the most dangerous to this Great Republic of The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Every Protestant Organization that has ever been formed, has been broken by direct or indirect means by such unworthy people, you know it is the I except some few Organizations such as MASONIC, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AND THE GOLF FELLOWS & a few others. & even now as you can see in their OATH, They against any thing that is PROTESTANT & all Protestant People wherever they may be. No Organisation should be blamed for what some Criminals that members do. You take the Trouble that was in Detroit Mich, If you will no was at the head of the Investigation, you can see if you are broad minded I think you are, and you can Judge for yourself that they are just trying to break up another Protestant Organization, That had for its foundation Principles of Genuine Protestant American Citizens, That choose to keep Republic as it was founded. Now in Toledo Ohio, Lucas County. Who is at the instigator of the Investigation, Who is causing all this Trouble about organization of Legion of Americans or as called the Black Legion, One unworthy of being called an American, Mr. Francis Murphy. I am asking you a general way to investigate Mr. Francis Murphy and his League against We know that he was teaching Communism in the Recreation Room of the W.P.A. Drawing his Compensation from the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT according to my thoughts I do not think that him doing this is CONSTITUTIONAL.

I only hope that you will do all that is in your power for the Good of American People before it is to late. This man Mr. Lyman, G. (Buck) Deems one of the most Patriotic Men in America to day, His Father was a Civil Veteran, He also has served in a Great American War, was also a Mounted Officer on the Pennsylvania Police Force, in Troop B stationed at Wyomissing on the Mounted Force of the City of Toledo Ohio, This Man tryed in every possible way to Reorganize this Legion in Ohio, He was Demoted and Dismissed, the Good he was trying to do the Organization, and now had to suffer trying to help all men and put the organization on a more firm American foundation, with all the Just principles that belong to all Free men as ordained by ALMIGHTY GOD THE GREAT SPIRIT of all mankind, wherever they may be. I am telling you and all the rest of we Protestant People, should be the Fact that he gets his Job back and in good standing, instead of the destroy his good Character and standing in this Community and the Republic. Mr. L.G. (Buck) Deem was loved by all who knew him, He never had a single placed against him in all his 19 year as a Police Officer of Toledo. I only hope that you wont be led by the ALIEN Minded People who are against his Great American Principles.

Respectfully Yours

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
MAIL ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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